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REVAC - B AND HEPATITIS - B
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Research Institute at Kasauli has received samples for chemical analysis of Revac-B and Hepatitis-B Vaccine;

(b) if ;so, the details thereof alongwith the findings thereof;

(c) the details of action taken to ensure that vaccine is manufactured only after meeting the prescribed formalities; and

(d) the names of companies authorized to manufacture Revac-B and Hepatitis-B vaccine in thecountry and estimated requirement and availability in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)and(b) The Central Research Institute, Kasauli, receives samples for chemical analysis ofHepatitis-B vaccine (Revac-B is a brand name of Hepatitis-B). During the period January2001 to November 2001, 124 samples were received in the Institute out of which only one sample, Revac-B, R VB 009, was not found to be of standard quality.

(c) Each batch of vaccine is subjected to quality control tests as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder.

(d) The companies authorized to manufacture Hepatitis-B vaccine are:

1. Bharat Biotech International Ltd., Hyderabad.
2. Shanta Biotech Ltd., Hyderabad
3. Wockhardt Ltd., Aurangabad.
4. Panacea Biotech Ltd., New Delhi.
5. Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Gujarat.

The production capacity of these firms during the year 2001-02 is approximately 1630 lakh doses.